RICHMOND, VA., SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1890.

### FLEETING FRIVOLITIES.

BITS OF FUN CIRCULATING IN THE DAILY PAPERS.

-She Had Her Revenge-Re-

Albany dental rooms in this city they have a parrot who greatly assists in extracting teeth. The parrot's name is "Casar." He is a fine specimen of his species, his intelligence being something narvelous. Dr. Weller, who has charge of the rooms, says he would not part with the oird for any money. And no wonder; the parrot brings grist to his mill. The bird

parrot brings grist to his mill. The bird does its work this way:

A man comes to have his tooth pulled. He gets into the chair, and then his courage fails him. He tells the dentist that the pain has gone away, an't that he will postpone the operation until the next day. In nine cases out of ten the dentist is unable to persuade the patient that it will be to his bodily comfort to have the molar extracted. Then, when the man gets up out of his chair, the parrot, who has been watching him all the time, takes him in charge.

"Oh, coward," yells the parrot; "you haven't the nerve of a chicken."

The man looks around in consternation. The parrot is partly hidden in his big cage behind a screen. The man with the toothache turns around to the knight of the forceps and inquires:

eps and inquires:
--What remarks were those you just

made?"
"I said nothing." replies the dentist. "It
was the parrot who was speaking."
The gentleman is then introduced to the
parrot. A pleasant conversation ensues.
"Nice morning." says the parrot; "tooth
pulled? No! You better; you catch cold
when you go out; better have it out and be
fone with it; lots people had teeth pulled
his morning."

The man with the toothache is so dumb-ounded over the parrot's talk that he hard-knows what way to turn for the timebe-Then the parrot urges him on again

saying:

"Go on, it will only take a minute; the doctor is waiting for you."

This is too much for the man. He goes back to the chair and has the tooth removed. Then the parrot jumps all around his cage and says: "Oh, ain't I happy; I feel so happy with my big tooth out." "That parrot," said the dentist, "can talk anybody into getting a tooth pulled. We had a farmer in the other day. He wanted all his teeth taken out and a new set made. We wanted him to take gas. The old man said: "Well, now, by gosh, I don't know about that. I often heard of people blowing out sas and then dying; I don't think I will risk it. "Good boy," shouted the parrot; "sensible man; don't you take gas; just sit down there, and pulling your teeth will be just as easy as husking corn." When the farmer looked around and saw the parrot, he said: "Well, I declare: why that bird talked like a man. I guess I'll take his advice and let you crack away at my chewers." There was no trouble in pulling the old man's first two teeth, but when the third one came he umped two feet in the chair. "That was a nerve clincher," said the parrot. 'It won't happen again; just keep nice and quiet now, and soon your teeth will be out.' This coething advice had a calming effect on the farmer, and he sank back into the chair, perfectly satisfied with what had taken eshing advice had a calming effect on the rmer, and he sank back into the chair, rfectly satisfied with what had taken ace and what was to come. When the b was through the parrot said: 'Well the: there isn't one man in a thousand he could go through such an ordeal; you ust have a wonderful constitution!' The rmer smiled and said he guessed he dd."—Letter in New York Sun.

"Say, have you a lost boy down there?" asked a voice by telephone of police head-quarters the other day.

About an hour later the same voice asked: "Got a lost girl down there?"

"Aren't you the man who asked for a lest boy about an hoar ago?"

"Yes."
"And now it's a girl?"
"Yes, but there was a mistake. I've just married a widow with five children, and haven't got to know the latter yet. I thought one of the boys was too; but it turns out to be one of the girls. Give me a week and I'll be all right. Good-bye!"—Detroit Free

An Explanation.

I was getting shaved in a one-chair barber-shop in a mountain town in Kentucky, and there was only one other man in the shop besides the barber. The process was about half through when some one was heard walking on the veranda which surrounded the shop, and pretty soon a wildlooking face peered through the window.

"Say, Bill, does he'un want you?" asked the barber of the other man.

"Who all is it?"

"Simmons, I reckon."

"He can't want me. I never did nothin' to him."

the barber of me.
--Who? Simmons, as you call him?"

"Oh, he'un lives back yere a bit. Great hand to shute. Had any trouble with him?"

"No."
"Well, I'll go out and explain to he'un.
Might shute through the window if I didn't."
He put down his razor and went out, and
when he returned Simmons was with him.
The shooter stepped around and took a
square look at me, and then heaved a sigh
of disappointment, and said to the barber:
"Tain't he'un, Sam, but so mighty clus
to it that I might hev popped through the

### Why He Was Proud.

Two negro vagabonds, who have been up before the Justice innumerable times, happened to meet in the corridor of the courthouse. One of them held up his nose high in the air, and put on a great deal of style. The other was in mustody of a policeman. The prisoner said to his friend:

"What's de matter wid yon, niggah; "What's de matter wid yon, niggah; has you won do big prize in de lottery dat yer hold yer head so high?"

"I doesn't want ter be familiar wid de criminal element. I don't know yer, sah."

"Well, den, what does yer blow yerself out so much for? We has been in jail for weeks and weeks togedder. We has stole chickens togedder more dan forty times."

"I wants yer ter understand for once I

dosen't come inter dis court-house in de capacity of a malefactor. On dis hear proud occasion I am here in de capacity of a witness, and I wants ter be respected ac-cording."—Texas Siftings.

A mountaineer and his wife had come down out of toe mountains of Kentucky to go to some new location in Tennessee. They had a little "jag" of household goods, and both were dressed poorly. After he had paid the freight on his goods he lacked a few shillings of having enough to pay their fare. I heard them talking it over as they sat on a bagggage truck on the platform. "We 'une will hev to go back, I recken."

said the man.
"But we 'uns can't go back," she replied.
We 'uns has sold out and hev no place to go

"But what kin we 'uns do!"
"Haven't we 'uns got money 'nuff!"
"No."
"And they 'uns won't take us?"

"And we 'uns is in a fix?"

"Sartin."
"But the Lord is down yere as well as p'n the hills, hain't He?" she asked.
"He mought be, but the chances seem gin it."

and find a spot to pray. The Lawd never did desert His own."

"You mought try it," he said doubtingly.

I had told three or four of the boys, and we chipped in \$5 and handed it to the man, and he had the money in hand when the woman returned.

"Did you pray?" he asked.

"Yes."

"Yes."
"Fur how much?"
"A dollar."
"And the Lord has dun sent us five!"
"Then we 'uns is no longer in a fix."
"Yere it is, and our troubles are over.
Tillie, we 'uns orter hev cum down yere
twenty years ago. Up thar when we 'uns
axed the Lord fur a dollar we 'uns sometimes got two bits out of it. Down yere
when we' uns ax fur the same He piles it
on ten times over, and doan' even want to
know whar' we cum from or which church
we belong to."—New York Sun.

"But, Charley, how is it you can drink so "That, Fred, my boy, is the reward of virtue. Understand, for a whole year I lrank nothing but milk." "What year was that, pray?"
"My first."

In a semi-business gathering in a saloon a fellow who has taken too much is continually interrupting. Finally some of the party take him up bodily with a view of throwing him out of doors. After a few ineffectual efforts to get loose he shouts:

"Hi, waiter! I want to pay; I'm going!"

"Won't you come take a walk?"
"No, I don't think I will; the sky is to due, and blue don't suit my complexion."

Lady (to an African raveler)—"Won't you tell how they treat women in Africa? Are, they under the tyrannous control of the men as with us?"
"Oh, no, ma'am; there the women are in many cases shown a particular preference. Now, for example."
Lady (interrunting)—"Oh, wouldn't

Lady (interrupting)-"Oh, wouldn't I like to be there." "As I was saying, in the way of example at the great feasts in honor of victory the women are always eaten first."

Footpad. "Won't you help a poor man with a dollar? You may save a human

"Your life is not worth a dollar,"
Footpad (showing his pistol). "But how about your own?"

Watchman rushing in to the Burgomas "For heaven's sake, Sir, the Council chamber is burning. Give me the key of the room where the fire buckets ar.."
"What," cried the Burgomaster; "the Council chamber burning down and now you want to run the fire-buckets, too?"

ndition that every year he would buy ne a pair of new curtains."

She (on her birthday). "What! You come to see me at such a time with entirely empty hands?"

He. "Certainly, my treasure. I have done so that I may the more closely press you to my heart."

In the matrimonial agency:

"You told me that the girl you recom-mended had more than ninety-nine out of every hundred, and here she's only got a hump on her back."
"Just so. Then hasn't she more than the others? The others have got none.

### STRONG MEN

Comparison Between the Sluggers of This and the Olden Times. [The London Globe.]

make short work of the ear-crushing boxer of old Greece, whose method of procedure tranger, does he'un want you?" asked was not to strike out from the shoulder, but "Stranger, does he'un want you?" asked barber of me.

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"Water of the out from the shoulder, but to swing down his heavy-weighted fist like a hammer, and whose deadliest attack consisted in standing on tiptoe and pounding the top of his adversary's head. It has been said, and with much show of reason, that the records of our heroes of the cinder path would have astonished the fast run-res of the Olympian and Pythian festivals. And similarly, it is probable that the professional strong men of recent sensations have been at least the equals of those whose the delight and astonishment of the answer."

square look at me, and then heaved a sigh of disappointment, and said to the barber:

"Fain't he'un. Sam, but so mighty cluste it that I might hev popped through the glass."

"Never does any hurt to explain matters," said the barber in a reflective way, as Simmons went out. "He'un killed two men in this chair, and I don't like the muss of it. That's what I went out to explain—if you was he'un's meat, he'un was to wait and drap you outside."—Detucit Free Press.

She Had Her Revenge.

An amusing scene was witnessed in Main street a few days ago, in which a conductor on a West-avenue car figured in a ride-tor on and two-children. As a car passed Nisgara square one of the young women pulled the bell-cord in a frantic manner, and the car came to a sudden halt. An old woman who was waiting for the car to passfelded it, and the young women pulled the bell looked the least bit crestfallen. The conductor looked mad and starfall the car came to a sudden halt. An old woman who was waiting for the car to passfeld the car came to a sudden halt. An old woman who was waiting for the car to passfeld the car came to a sudden halt. An old woman who was waiting for the car to passfeld the car came to a sudden halt. An old woman who was waiting for the car to passfeld the car came to a sudden halt. An old woman who was waiting for the car to passfeld the car came to a sudden halt. An old woman who was waiting for the car to passfeld the car came to a sudden halt. An old woman who was waiting for the car to passfeld the car came to a sudden halt. An old who was said to be so strong that he was farial to nurse his own baby, frequently performed it, and there is at present living in London at least one man who has done the car came to a sudden halt. An old who was said to be so strong that he was farial to nurse his own baby, frequently performed it, and there is at present living in London at least one man

swore vengeance against the entire off the tail of every cat he could catch. This threat he put rigidly into execution and it was not long before about one-half he cats in that ward were curtailed. The appearance of so many bob-tailed cater waulers caused general consternation in the ward, and day after day as one neigbbor would tell another of how her or his pet cat, after an absence from the house of but a few moments, would come home shorn of its tail, a feeling bordering on desperation pervaded that locality. Cats were taken more care of than ever before, some were kept locked up in the house and a general watch was kept for the "cat clipper," who for a time was as much a mystery as Jack the Ripper has now become. At last, however, the vigilance of the cat owners was revarded and the "cat clipper," who turned out to be a well-known resident of that ward, was caught red-handed—being d-tected in the very act of abridging the caudel appendage of a very fine large cat, the property and pet of a lady who lived near the market building. A warrant was sworn out for the arrest of the man, and he was tried and required to pay a fine. The details of the trial and the excitement which existed at the time are well remembered by the readers of the Gazette. The excitement finally settled down, but there are still cats in the city that bear mute testimony of the residence. waulers caused general consternation in ment finally settled down, but there are still cats in the city that bear mute testimony of the existence of the "clipper" and whose appearance recalls the consternation he produced in Alexandria. But now another cat fiend has sprung up in our midst whose proclivities are more brutal than the one above referred to, and he plies his vocation in the First Ward generally and in the neighborhood of Tunnel town in particular. This mysterious person's mania seems to be the extirpation of the right eyes of all the cats he sees, and how well he is succeeding may be judged by the statement made by a young gentleman living in the First Ward, who says that recently he saw no less than six cats in his immediate neighborhood that had lost their right eyes. Others living in different sections of the

# Others living in different sections of the ward report that many of the cats in their neighborhood have also lost their left eyes, and a diligent lookout is being kept for the "cat-eye gouger," by which name the mysterious individual is known.—Alexandria fazette.

A Woodstock Joke.

Quite a good joke is told on certain parties in this place. It seems that the head of the family had occasion to take a trip away from home. During his absence his better halt discovered a number of pigs roaming through the lot and had them impounded. When paterfamilias returned and went to look after his stock he found his pigs missing. He finally discovered them sately impounded and had to pay up some boodle before he recovered his own again.—Woodstock Gazette. A Woodstock Joke.

The congregation at the Presbyterian thurch has an eye-straining and neck-twist-ng time of it last Sunday, when no less than three handsome brid s put in their ap pearance for the first time at meetin. A most excellent authority suggests that wed-ding bells will soon peal again, and in the same church other brides will present them-selves as humble worshippers,—Mont-comery Messenger.

"What," cried the Burgomaster; "the Council chamber burning down and now you want to run the fire-buckets, too?"

"I heard my brother say that your husband intended to give up smoking altogether."

"Well, now, I like that. How in the world am I to get new curtains? Hithorto I have always allowed him to smoke on the sole condition that every year he would but the council of the world at least.

A Negro Preacher.

In company with several of our leading citizens we listened to an able discourse on last Sunday by Rev. R. Alonzo Scott, (colored) of Mt. Zion Baptist church, Charlottes-ville, at the colored Baptist church at this place. We were not surprised at his oratorical powers, as we had often heard of him in Charlottesville. In culture he is far ahead of his race, in this part of the world at least.

He preached from the text, "What think ye of Christ?" He handled his subject in a masterly style, showing himself well posted in the Scriptures, both old and new.—Scotts-ville Courier.

The New Depot.

The handsomest depot on the Norfolk and Western railroad is at Salem. It is to cost nearly \$40,000, is built of stone, and is fluished inside with hard woods. The grounds of nearly one acre will be beautifully laid out with flowers and ornamental shrubs, and the whole establishment will be in keeping with the magnificent street upon which it is located, namely College avenue, pronounced by so good an authority as Mr. E. C. Pechin, of Roanoke, as the hand somest street in the Southwest.—Salem Times.

Reminder of Old Times.

A reminder of the red-hot political fights of the elden times of this section came to light in this place a few days ago. A silver vase or urn was found in the garret of Mrs. Elizabeth Heller's house where it had been cerried with a lot of other stuff that had belonged to the late William S. Arthur, for many years deputy clerk of this county. The vase had become so tarnished and blackened by age and neglect that it was thought to be a pewter vessel of no value, but when cleaned up it was found to be of solid silver and bore the iollowing inscription: "Presented by the Democratic Butchers and Drovers in the city of Baltimore to the unbought and uneacloled Democracy of Snenandoah county, Va., for the overwhelming majority as given in the great contest of 1840, in favor of those Free Principles as advocated by her Washington, her Jefferson, her Madison, and her Mouroe." The vase is eight and a half inches high, and is of solid silver. It was taken from the clerk's office for safety on the broaking out of the war by Wr. Arthur, packed away, and overlooked. tor safety on the breaking out of the war by Mr. Arthur, packed away, and overlooked until a few days ago.—Shenandoah Valley.

Wednesday of last week Mr. William Bauserman, of Rockingham, and Miss Dale, of Auherst, were married here by Rev. Mr. Kregioe. The marriage ceremony took place at night on Twenty-fourth street, just under the electric light in front of Mr. Wenver's residence. The bride and groom were seated in a buggy, having just returned from Amherst, where they had been to procure license. They will make their home here.—Shenandoah Valley.

TOWN AND COUNTRY.

ITEMS GLEANED FROM OUR STATE EXCHANGES.

A Cat Fleed—A Woodstock Joke—Numerous Brides—A Busy Place—A Negro Preacher—New Depot—Reminder of Old Times.

Several years ago a resident of the Second Ward, becoming enraged at a cat, unreasonably swore vengeance against the entire of the second ward, becoming enraged at a cat, unreasonably swore vengeance against the entire of the second to reach a sunny shore, on which they broke; and then a whispering ripple of faintest melody lingered a moment in the air, like the murmur of a wind-harp, and all was still.

The Grateful Sen.

The Grateful Son.

A worthy prince often made journeys on foot in simple costume, without any attendants. Once he met in the country a poor Jewish laborer, who was resting from his work and eating a piece of dry black bread and drinking some water. The prince asked how much he earned daily. "Three pennies," was the reply, "but I can use only one of them. I have hard work to get along, but I do it gladly."

Astonished that a man could live on a penny a day, the prince said: "I thought that a strong laborer like you would get better pay. Why do yon live so miserly?"

"I could earn more." replied the Israelite, "but I would not be sure of work the whole year like now. It is not much, but I have learned to take good care of it. One penny I put aside for a time of need, another penny I use to pay an old debt, and he third is for my own support. Of course I can't pay for more than bread and water."

What an honest fellow, thought the prince. He has scarcely bread for himself and he tries to pay off an old debt. He gave him a gold piece and said: "Here is something to refresh you and perhaps pay off your entire debt."

"Ah, good sir," said the man with tears in his eyes, "now I can take a sip of beer, but never can I pay off the old debt."

"Have you been careless in your former way of life and got into heavy debt?" the prince inquired.

"No, no," he rejoined. "I have parents who are too old to work, and daily I bring to them a groschen."

"My good fellow. God will reward yon."

### JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

"Sir," said he, in his impressive way, "these two men I should take as representative men of their respective countries. Look at this unquiet skeleton head, so full of satire, of energy, devilishly intellectual bold in thought, but forced to be wily and full of tricks, capable of violence, however, between two mocking smiles. Voltaire prepared the Revolution which he was not destined to see; indeed, some of his letters seem prophetic. My father saw him when he came to Paris at the age of eighty-four, after having been a kind of voluntary or involuntary exile during the latter part of his life. Public opinion turned at last; he was a sort of god. When he assisted at the first representation of his blay, "Irene," at the Comedie Francaise, the whole audience rose and shouted out their exthustasm. It was too much for the old man; he was killed

ler's plan of immigration of the American negro into the Congo Free State, the opportunities which are there for him and the development of that country. "The advantages," he said, "which would be made to accrue are many. There is any amount of land to be had for the asking; the laws are favorable and calculated to promote happiness and content. The climate is salutrious, and for the negroes comparatively healthy. The soil is fertile and virgin and the country new, so that the slightest cultivation cannot fail to be followed by the most gratifying results. Value at the same time must be given to the fact that they would become residents of their native land. Whitess—that is, the Caucasian tace—cannot colonize the is, the Caucasian race—cannot colonize the Congo Free State. A white man while living ten years of vitality and white women could not retain health. The result of this would be children of puny frames and inferior intelligence, and have the effect of forever telligence, and have the effect of forever keeping the Congo Free State in a condition of inconsequence among the nations of the world. With negroes forming the majority of its citizenship, it would, with proper en-couragement, make remarkable develop-ment and in time become a great nation. "If the civilized blacks who went into the country were developed morally, it is

thickened with grown-bread, to which nati-boiled raisins, currants, prunes, cloves, mace and ginger were added,"

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who are too old to werk, and daily I bring to them a groschen."

"My good fellow, God will reward yon," said the prince. He went to the castle to ask the owner of the field whether the man had spoken the truth, and visited the parents, who assured him that daily they received a third of their son's wages.

It was hot long before the man received house, land, and cattle from the lord of the castle, at the command of the prince, as reward for his love to his parents.

Dear children, you can never fully repay your parents for their love and kindness, but you should begin while you are young to show your gratitude, and your days will be long in the land, your heart will be light and happy at thought of how you are rejoicing your father and mother.—Jewish Magazine.

### What He Thought of the Artists to Whom

He Sat.
The first time he came to sit I said some The first time he came to sit I said something about the annoyance we artists caused celebrated people. Webster was very frank on the subject; he compared us to horse flies on a hot day; brush them off on one side, they settle on the other. Adams smiled, but said that he was by no means of Webster's opinion; that he had enjoyed his sittings to artists on more than one occasion. He had, perhaps, found that a man busy with his brush can be a good listener. I, for one, listened with great pleasure. Copley had painted an excellent portrait of my sitter's father, and when I asked permission to measure the face, as I always do, he observed that he had seen Copley measure not only his father's face, but his arms and legs. Then he spoke of different painters he had known. He had, as a boy, seen Reynolds, whom he greatly admired, but who would often "not let well alon?" and spoiled his portraits with over-care Staurt he had sat to, though the portrait had to be finished by Sufly after the great artist's death. He had had many opportunities of studying the old masters in the different galleries. He had had which the fluest masterpieces unscrupulously taken from conquered countries.

"But," added he, "there were too many; it was a surfeit of sweets; it was impossible to appreciate each picture seen thus crowded by other pictures. The Dresden gallery."

On the landing outside of my painting.

tor on a West-avenue ear figured in a riductions light. The passengers included three wones and two children. As a car passed light of the car do wone and two children. As a car passed light of the car do wone will be car do wone will be car do wone will be least but create the car up in a burry. Then a wones of the car made a wild dash at the belicord, again stopped the car do when the belicord again stopped the car do wone will be the car do wone will be at the car down the car d hol'day dish which some with calls the "St. Paul's Cathedral of an English Christmans," says Harper's Bazar. A truly rich and spicy daughter is this "speckled cannon-ball' of the wishy-washy plum porridge over which our forefathers made such to-do, and which an old scribe tells us consisted of "beef or mutton boiled with broth and thickened with brown-bread, to which half-poiled raights, currants, nrunes, cloves

How the deep tones woke the sombre stillness of the clid church! The organ seemed
some great uncough creature, roaring for
tervery jev at the carcesses of the marveloue
in
The monks, eating their supper in the
refector, heard it, and dropped knife and
fork in astonishment. The organist of the
brotherhood was among them, but never
had he played with such power. They ligtened; some crossed themselves, till the
prior rose up and hastened to the chapel.
The others followed, but, when they looked
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The Iron Furnace, the factories in operation, in course of crection, and actually secured, will employ a result because the bands and the present conjugation will be doubled in another year. Negotistions are several thousand hands, and the present population will be doubled in another year. Negotiations are in

progress to secure other large plants.

The extension of the Roanoke and Southern (now assured) and the Baltimore and Ohio to Salem (its char-The extension of the Roanoze and Southern (now assured) and the Baltimore and Ohio to Salem (its chartered terminus) will make the city an important railway centre.

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> —Memphis Commercial.

J. W. F. ALLEMONG, President, Salem, Virginia. SALEM IS MOVING RAPIDLY.

LOCATION OF NEW INDUSTRIES.

The last issue of the SALEM negotiations which have been going on for weeks are now closed rior two-wheeled speed cart. Two extensive shops, 250 by 70 feet, will be erected as a beginning and seve-

Also, the signing of contracts for Wire Nail Works, the capital stock to be not less than \$50,000 nor more than \$300,000. Work will be begun soon on the first building, 200 by 20 feet, and 50 improved triple wire nail machines will be put in opera

Also, that the contract has been let for the erection of the Clothing Factory of the Holstein Woolen Mills Company. The building will be of brick, 100 by 50 feet, and four stories. The mills and factory will employ together about four hundred

The TIMES-REGISTER extends a cordial welcome to the numerous visitors expected at the great sale by the Salem Improvement Compa-ny, December 11th and 12th. Many by the Salem Improvement Compa-ny, December 11th and 15th. Many investors are expected from the New England and Middle States, Battl-more and Washington, and from all parts of Virginia and other Southern States. The sale will be conducted on strictly business prin-cipals—ne excursions trains, ne-brass bands, no bogus bids. Salem is aiming just now to attract inves-tors and manufacturers, and not a big crowd of excursionists.

of boiling water and a little nutmeg, and set the whole over the fire for two minutes, stirring all the time.

Decked with holly and blazing with a halo of blue flame, this will prove a worthy capsheaf to the holiday feast, around which we may well make merry, remembering that

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MONDAY, December 8th, With the HANDSOMEST and MOST COMPLETE LINE of HOLIDAY NOVELTIES, in Porcelain, Leather, Plush, Brass, and Wood, ever exhibited in Richmond, consisting, in part, of the following:

Cleopatra's Looks.

Sarah Bernhardt in her new representation of Cleopatra, has departed from the traditional idea of the Queen's physique, and appears with auburn or reddish-brown hair. That is probably an innovation in the direction of accuracy, the xanthons type certainly existing and being highly admired in Greece, but why does not the great actress go a step further? She represents Cleopatra as "bronzed," her traditional color, but where is the probability of that? Europeans do not change their color in the East. nor has Egypt blackened the Copts; and Cleopatra was a pure Greek, a descendent of the Heracleidæ (Ptolemy Soter having been a son of Philip) and heiress of a house so anxious for the purity of its blood that it disregarded the human law against incestituous marriages. The great probability is that she was very like a modern Parisienne, with an eager, mobile face, not beautiful at at all in the sculptor's sense, but with a certain magnetic attractiveness intensely it felt by Roman nobles like Cæsar and Antony, accustomed to the heavy and more apathetic beauty of their own caste. The Ptolemien were the most cultivated of all the Greek dynasties in the East, and when aline ends in a woman she usually reproduces all its peculiarities.—The Spectator.

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